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**RE BERLIN'S 720 TO DEPT**

**TOGETHER WITH RECENT AUTOBAHN EVENTS, INTERFERENCE WITH US MILITARY TRAIN OCT 9-10 GIVES EVIDENCE OF WHAT MAY BE GROWING GDR TENDENCY TO INTERRUPT AMERICAN SURFACE ACCESS. ALTHOUGH SUPERFICIALLY ERRATIC, THESE INCIDENTS HAVE ENOUGH COMMON INGREDIENTS TO FORM RUDIMENTARY PATTERN, I.E. EAST GERMAN COCKINESS, WILFUL VIOLATION OF STANDING PROCEDURES, AND INABILITY TO OBTAIN SOVIET INTERVENTION.**

**SINCE IT IS SUPREMELY IMPORTANT TO PREVENT THESE EPISODES FROM MULTIPLYING, EMB FAVORS FIRMEST AND CLEAREST PROTESTS TO USSR. ALTHOUGH TRAIN INCIDENT WOULD NOT PER SE APPEAR TO JUSTIFY ACTION AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, IT IS DISTURBING THAT WE HAD TO CONTENT OURSELVES WITH WRITTEN PROTEST TO EMPTY KARLSHORST HEADQUARTERS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT GENERAL WATSON IS STILL SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH SOLOVYEV. IF SOLOVYEV'S ABSENCE IS TO BE PROLONGED MORE THAN ANOTHER 48 HOURS, EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT GENERAL CLARKE WRITE PROTEST ON TRAIN EPISODE DIRECT TO KONEV.**

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